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GIVE US THE NEEDED LAWS

The taxpayers of the state of Nevada expend every two years at least \$10,000,000. And this session probably more, for such measures as increasing the salary of the justices of the peace at \$100 or taking \$25 more monthly to the salary of the justices at Mount House. There should have been a law upon the Nevada statutes years ago, delegating this power to increase or decrease salaries, fees, etc., to the commissioners of the different counties of this state. But every pin-headed legislature for the past quarter of a century has failed to give the people relief governing county and township salaries. Let us pray to the Lord, God Almighty that session No. 30 ditch all moral bills, throw prohibition measures back into the still, let divorce laws remain as they are, let it be nobody's business if two cranks can't live in the same room and want the room partitioned off; let gambling stand, put a nominal license on all games—you can't stop gambling; might as well stop marriage; and that is the biggest gamble in the world today—and get down to brass tacks and put through the measures empowering county commissioners to look after the county affairs instead of each legislative session waiting for laws that will allow the county accelerator to be stepped upon. If this legislature will tell the Reno and Sparks delegations of old and discarded women's legacies to stay at home or call after the session is over, much needed and good legislation can be had.

TWO PRINCIPLES AS A BASIS FOR PEACE

Since the death of Charlemagne in 843 Europe has been the cockpit of the human race. In the course of 11 centuries that continent has experienced not a decade of unalloyed peace. The unwise division of Charlemagne's empire in 843 by the treaty of Verdun, on the basis of national frontiers instead of racial sympathies, is held by historians to be largely responsible for the ages of conflict and bloodshed which have written the history of Europe in the blood of millions.

In the excesses of Greco and Rome we saw exemplified the results of two sharply opposing tendencies of the Aryan mind, the one toward individualism and separation, the other toward self-subsistence and union. In the time of Charlemagne's epic and successor it appeared settled that the second of these tendencies was to build the Teutonic Aryans, that the Europe of the future was to be a single empire, ever pushing out its borders as Rome had done, ever subduing its weaker neighbors until the "Teutonic peace" should be substituted for the shattered "Roman peace," soldiers should be needed only for the duties of police, and a whole civilized world again play the rule of a single man. Instead of that the race has since followed a destiny of separation. Europe is divided into many countries, each of them a vast camp bristling with armies and arsenals. Civilization has continued haggardly by war even to our own day.

The scheme of the "big five" at Versailles was to substitute for the rule of a single man the rule of a corporate entity to be known as the league of nations into which the United States was to be fastened to serve as a reservoir for men, munitions and money by the power of which a war trust was to decree the destinies of mankind. The experience of 1100 years during which the inherent individualism of the Aryan mind had incessantly asserted itself was utterly ignored.

Argentina had the good sense to get out of the diplomatic mess into which she saw Europe being forced by the age-old spirit of intrigue. We had the good sense never to get in. Chile and other Latin-American countries have not been favorably impressed by the determination of the European diplomats to boss the league and the world. They found European diplomacy unregenerate.

This leads to the query as to whether out of two conceptions of principles some basis may not be established by which the western hemisphere can do something to avert war. The first is the Monroe doctrine. The second was suggested by Senator Knox to wit: "If

a situation should arise in which any power or combination of powers should, directly or indirectly, menace the freedom and peace of Europe, the United States would regard such situation with grave concern as a menace to its own freedom and peace and would consult with other powers affected with a view of concerted action for the removal of such menace." Europe is not qualified to police the world, but the nations of North and South America can take steps to insure peace in this hemisphere if they will get together on two such principles as these: It is worth considering.

\$500,000,000 A YEAR FOR "DISCUSSION"

There has been an unfortunate attempt by some parties in Europe to create the impression that the debt owed the United States is not really a debt at all, but should be canceled as part of our contribution to the cost of the war. The conversion of the debt into bonds with a definite rate and maturity date would go far to dispel that illusion.

Word comes from London to the effect that the Germans have delivered to the reparations commission under the Versailles treaty bonds to the amount of \$9,000,000,000 gold marks, worth 3,000,000,000 pounds at the present rate of exchange, or approximately \$15,000,000,000 at the normal rate of exchange of American and English currency. That means that England, France and the other allies have got specific knowledge of a large portion of the debt which Germany owes them, to take the place of the rather indefinite 100 billion continued in the peace treaty signed by only two Germans. It means that the allies will begin to draw interest on these bonds, and that they can be presented for retirement at the dates specified thereon. Furthermore, it means that that amount of the German debt to the allies is now in negotiable shape and it is possible, if the allies wish to do so, to sell the bonds in the world's markets and realize cash upon them.

All of which should forcibly remind the American people of the huge debt owed by the allies to the United States, which now approximates \$10,000,000,000. That debt is evidenced by the deposit in the treasury of various promissory notes signed by ambassadors and ministers from the debtor countries at Washington. Those notes bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, but comparatively little of that interest has been paid. The Liberty loan acts authorized the secretary of the treasury to exchange the demand notes held by him for long-time obligations of the debtor countries. For many months the secretary has been engaged in discussions with those countries as to the terms of the exchange, and meanwhile the collection of interest on the debt has been deferred. It is intimated by the secretary that no interest will be collected "during the reconstruction period of two or three years from the spring of 1919."

Now, what does that mean to the American taxpayer? It means that he must contribute about \$500,000,000 a year while the treasury "discussions" are in progress, and until an agreement has been reached with debtor governments as to the terms of the long-time obligations we are expecting from them. Every man, woman and child in the country is to be taxed \$6 a year while the exchange of opinions is taking place. That is one-eighth of the entire sum which the secretary of the treasury estimates as necessary to run the government for the next year.

The Harriman National bank of New York is engaged in a publicity campaign to urge the prompt exchange of the promissory notes now held into negotiable bonds, primarily to secure a direct and specific acknowledgment by each debtor government of the existence and validity of the debt, and also to establish a date in the near future when interest payments may be expected and allowances made for them in estimating the revenues of the treasury.

Of very pressing interest in the recasting of our tax laws is the need for realizing on the accounts due and collectable from foreign sources before fixing on the total that must be taken from the Amer-

can taxpayers. It is a delicate undertaking, of course, but one which should show definite results at an early date. All the United States is doing in the negotiation of the same peace, is that the allies themselves have applied to their German debt.

LOW BIRTH RATE CAUSED BY MEAT

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Dr. Josiah Oldfield, English physician and author, believes that flesh-eating is a prolific source of disease and one of the worst enemies of the human race, and is of the opinion that the wastage of life caused by the war might be speedily repaired by right feeding.

Dr. Oldfield is a strong advocate of the vegetarian diet and has been senior physician of the Lady Margaret fruitarian hospital at Bromley, Writing from Jamaica, he says:

"My observations here confirm my views that food and fertility go hand in hand. The commission dealing with the grave problem of the steadily falling birth rate in Europe has failed to grasp the fundamental truth which applies to vegetable and animal and human life alike—that a right dietary means increased fertility and wrong feeding leads to increasing sterility.

"If a gardener wants much foliage he feeds the plant with one food; if he wants fruit or seed he feeds it quite differently. So does the stock-feeder and breeder. It is a difference in food only which transforms a similar egg, one into a drone and another into a queen bee.

"Whereas before the war in every European country the birth rate showed a steady fall, yet in Serbia, Bulgaria and Rumania, where the hardy peasants still lived on rye bread, dried fruits, vegetables, oil, cheese and sour milk, there was a continuous high birth rate and no decrease.

"Here in the West Indies, where the dark races live on yams, sweet gum, milk, coconuts, banana and oranges, with some salt fish, the birth rate is high and the fertility irrepressible.

"Owing to ignorance and want of potatoes, cassava, Indian corn, su-

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sanitation, the infant mortality is high, but when that is removed the black population will multiply at a far higher rate than the white unless the white population of the world learns that it is corn, oil and wine, salads, milk and honey which produce a fertile race, and that meat eating spells increased sterility.

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